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SUBJECT: WALK-IN CASE: THREAT OF "SHOOTING"

1. ON FRIDAY, MARCH 10 CONGEN WAS VISITED BY ONE VLADIMIR VLADIMOVICH ALEXANDROV (AKA A.S. GUSEV). ALEXANDROV SHOWED CONGENOFFS HANDWRITTEN DECLARATION TO EMBASSY, TYPEWRITTEN COPY OF DECLARATION TO USSR PROCURATOR RUDENKO, CERTIFICATE OF WARDSHIP OVER HIS BROTHER, COPY OF 1975 DECREE OF LENINGRAD CITY COURT SENTENCING "GUSEV" TO THREE MONTH IMPRISONMENT FOR STEALING KILO OF LARD IN 1947, REGISTRY RECEIPT FOR RUDENKO LETTER, AND ACKNOWLEDGMENT OF RECEIPT OF SAME. ALEXANDROV'S DOCUMENTS DESCRIBE LONG HISTORY OF PERSONAL GRIEVANCE AGAINST SOVIET AUTHORITIES BOTH ON HIS OWN AND ON HIS BROTHER NIKOLAY'S BEHALF. ALEKSANDROV DEMANDS OF SOVIET AUTHORITIES 10 MILLION RUBLES IN DAMAGES AND EXIT PERMISSION TO SWITZERLAND FOR BOTH HIMSELF AND HIS BROTHER.

2. ACCORDING TO THE DOCUMENTS AND CONVERSATION WITH ALEXANDROV, HE AND BROTHER WERE ORPHANED AT EARLY AGE AND WERE PLACED TO WORK IN FACTORIES ILLEGALLY AND WITH DAMAGE TO THEIR HEALTH. ALEXANDROV SPECIFICALLY CLAIMED THAT HE HAD NEVER BEEN GIVEN EITHER A LEGAL
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PASSPORT OR ONE IN HIS REAL NAME. ALEXANDROV WROTE THAT HE HAS SPENT MUCH OF HIS LIFE IN PRISON IN SEVERAL SHORT SENTENCES AND THAT HIS BROTHER HAS FOR MANY YEARS BEEN AN INMATE IN PSYCHIATRIC HOSPITALS.

3. ALEXANDROV WAS TOLD THAT THE CONGEN WAS NOT IN A POSITION TO HELP HIM OBTAIN A PASSPORT, TO PRESS HIS

CLAIM, OR TO HELP HIM OBTAIN EXIT PERMISSION TO SWITZERLAND SINCE THESE ARE INTERNAL AFFAIRS AND ESPECIALLY SINCE HE IS NOT AN AMERICAN CITIZEN AND DOES NOT HAVE, BY HIS OWN STATEMENT, AMERICAN RELATIVES' ALEXANDROV THEN DEMANDED TO SEE THE CONSUL, AND THE SAME POSITION WAS REPEATED TO HIM BY DPO RUECKERT. ALEXANDROV WAS TOLD THAT THE CONSULATE COULD AT MOST ACCEPT HIS STATEMENT SINCE IT WAS ADDRESSED TO THE EMBASSY BUT COULD UNDERTAKE NO OBLIGATION REGARDING ITS DISPOSITION. HE WAS FURTHER TOLD THAT NEITHER THE CONGEN NOR THE EMBASSY COULD RELAY AS HE REQUESTED, THE CONTENTS OF THE ENVELOPE TO THE UN COMMISSION ON HUMAN RIGHTS NOR TO ANY OTHER THIRD PARTIES CONCERNED WITH HUMAN RIGHTS. ALEXANDROV WAS OFFERED AND ACCEPTED ESCORT TO NEAREST METRO STATION BUT DECIDED BEFORE REACHING METRO THAT HE WOULD INSTEAD GO TO A FRIEND'S HOUSE NEARBY. BEFORE LEAVING CONSULATE ALEXANDROV COMMENTED ON HELPLESSNESS OF HIS SITUATION AND STATED THAT UPON LEAVING CONGEN HE WOULD BE PICKED UP AND TAKEN TO A PSYCHIATRIC HOSPITAL. IN COMMENTING ON HIS MEAGER ALTERNATIVES, HE REMARKED THAT HE MIGHT "OBTAIN AN AUTOMATIC AND DO SOME SHOOTING UP" -- INCLUDING SHOOTING HIMSELF. HE WAS TOLD BY CONOFF NOT TO TALK THAT WAY AND THAT WE DO NOT APPROVE SUCH WORDS NOR SUCH DEEDS. HE REPLIED QUOTE I KNOW THAT END QUOTE. HE WAS LAST OBSERVED CROSSING CHERNYSHEVSKAYA ST. AND
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DISAPPEARING INTO THE CROWD.

4. COMMENT. ALEXANDROV WAS TOO WELL DRESSED BY SOVIET STANDARDS FOR HIS ALLEDGED 38 RUBLES MONTHLY INVALID'S PENSION. WE DO NOT EXCLUDE POSSIBILITY THAT HIS STORY WAS GENUINE OR THAT HE MAY ALSO BE ORDINARY CRANK, BUT IT IS AT LEAST EQUALLY AS LIKELY THAT HE WAS PROVOCATEUR. FOR WHAT IT'S WORTH, ROUTE HE FINALLY TOOK ON LEAVING CONGENOFF LED IN DIRECTION OF LOCAL KGB HEADQUARTERS. END COMMENT. BUCHANAN

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